

# NEWS RELEASE

## DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

### Commissioner Claire DeMatteis

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## WEDNESDAY: Opening of JTVCC Maximum Security Education Building

**SMYRNA, Del.** – On Wednesday, February 5 Governor John Carney will be joined by state correctional and education leaders and members of the General Assembly at James T. Vaughn Correctional Center in Smyrna to tour the prison's expanded maximum security educational building and review the new education, training and programming opportunities it will provide for inmates in Delaware's largest prison. This education and programming facility will enable the Department of Education, which administers prison education programs, and the Department of Correction to significantly expand basic education, vocational training, industry certification instruction and treatment programming for dozens of inmates who previously had limited access to these services. These investments are part of Governor Carney's effort to support reentry and reduce Delaware's recidivism rate through [Executive Order 27](#), which directs state agencies to better coordinate services for offenders and expand access to education and vocational training. The Governor's Executive Order created the Delaware Correctional Reentry Commission to partner with the Department of Correction and bring together other agencies to drive reentry reforms that support justice-involved men and women with the tools they need to succeed.

A guided tour of the maximum-security educational building inside the prison will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will be followed by a short speaking program where leaders from the Department of Correction and Department Education, correctional security and treatment staff and prison education teachers will provide information about their collaboration to expand education, training and treatment initiatives on-site.

**WHAT:** Governor Carney and state leaders will tour new James T. Vaughn Correctional Center maximum-security educational building and review education and vocational training opportunities for inmates

**WHO:** Governor John Carney  
Claire DeMatteis, Commissioner, Delaware Department of Correction  
Dr. Susan Bunting, Secretary, Delaware Department of Education  
Members of the General Assembly  
Bureau of Prisons leaders and staff  
Prison education teachers

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 5, 2020  
2:00 p.m. (please arrive by 1:45 to complete security screening)

**WHERE:** James T. Vaughn Correctional Center  
1181 Paddock Road  
Smyrna, DE 19977

**Members of the media will be permitted to bring audio and video recording devices into the prison, but will not be permitted to bring smartphones into the prison. Members of the media who plan to attend should contact Jason Miller, Chief of Communications for the Department of Correction at [Jason.Miller@delaware.gov](mailto:Jason.Miller@delaware.gov) or 302-379-4048.**